Signals Intelligence Functional Manager

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(U) Executive Order (EO) 12333, as amended, designates the Director of the National Security Agency (DIRNSA) as the Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) Functional Manager (FM). Each FM is responsible to the Director of National Intelligence (DNI).

CONTEXT:

(U) Per EO 12333, the SIGINT FM may be charged with developing and implementing strategic guidance, policies, and procedures for activities related to a specific intelligence discipline or set of intelligence activities; setting training and tradecraft standards; and ensuring coordination within and across intelligence disciplines and Intelligence Community (IC) elements and with related non-intelligence activities. Intelligence Community Directive 113 requires that "the Functional Manager's primary obligation to the DNI is to oversee and guide the function in a manner that is distinct from organizational affiliations." As a result, DIRNSA must clearly separate his SIGINT FM duties from those related to the management of NSA.

(U) The overarching responsibility of the SIGINT FM is to apply DNI's strategic guidance and direction to improve SIGINT effectiveness and efficiency across the IC, thereby increasing the value of SIGNT's contribution to the national security and intelligence missions. Key responsibilities include:

- (U//~~FOUO~~) Collect (including through clandestine means), process, analyze, produce, and disseminate SIGINT information and data for foreign intelligence and counterintelligence purposes to support national and departmental missions.
- (U) Provide SIGINT support for the conduct of military operations, pursuant to tasking, priorities, and standards of timeliness assigned by the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF).
- (U) Establish and operate an effective, unified organization for SIGINT activities, including executing any SIGINT-related functions the SECDEF so directs.
- (U) Protect intelligence sources, methods, and activities from unauthorized disclosure.
- (U) Develop rules, regulations, and standards governing the classification and declassification of SIGINT.
- (U) Prescribe security regulations covering operating practices, including the transmission, handling, and distribution of SIGINT material within and between elements under DIRNSA control, and exercise the necessary supervisory control to ensure compliance with these regulations.
- (U) Exercise SIGINT operational control and establish policies and procedures for departments and agencies to follow when appropriately performing SIGINT activities in order for the SIGINT mission of the United States to be accomplished in the most efficient and effective manner. In the case of military service mobile SIGINT platforms, systems, or assets used to collect SIGINT, the DIRNSA shall state movement requirements through appropriate channels to the military commanders, who shall retain responsibility for operational command of the platforms.

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- (U) Provide technical guidance and assistance to all USG SIGINT or SIGINT-related operations.
- (U) Conduct SIGINT research, development, and systems design, and perform SIGINT-related testing and evaluation. Provide expertise to SIGINT-related research, development, and testing and evaluation conducted by the Department of Defense (DoD) Components.
- (U) Conduct modeling and simulation activities related to SIGINT. Advise and coordinate on all SIGINT modeling and simulation activities within or on behalf of the Heads of the DoD Components.
- (U) Co-manage, with the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, and support, as appropriate, the activities of the Defense Special Missile and Aerospace Center.
- (U) Provide support to national level forums that review SIGINT strategies and matters of international policy that may affect SIGINT equities, and assess future SIGINT capabilities on behalf of the SECDEF and the DNI.

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